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Department of Animal Care and Control
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11 YEAR-OLD LEADS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT PALMDALE ACC GRAND OPENING

More than 200 guests placed their hands on their hearts as 11 year old friend to shelter animals, Sophia Kirchner, confidently led them through the pledge of allegiance. Sophia was selected for this honor because she has held fund raisers to benefit animals in the shelter since she was ten years old. At her 11th birthday, she asked that all her friends and family give donations that could be given to the Lancaster animal care center instead of bringing gifts for her. She said, "I love going to visit the animals at the shelter because it makes them and me happy and I plan to do this for a long time."

Sophia and her family lived in Lancaster, but have recently moved to Glendale. She received a scroll from the County Board of Supervisors for her support of the pets at the care centers in the County of Los Angeles in October, 2015.



Caption: *KTLA5's Henry Di Carlo poses with Sophia (L). Sophia receives a scroll from the Board of Supervisors in October, 2015 for her support of the shelter pets (R).*

Update: A total of nineteen (19) pets were adopted from the Palmdale Animal Care Center throughout the day, following the grand opening!
Address: 38550 Sierra Hwy. in Palmdale

Hours: Monday – Thursday, Noon to 7pm and Friday – Sunday, 10am to 5pm

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